GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service – Revenue Department – Departmental proceedings against Sri Kommukuri Chinna Rao, Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 404 Dated: 07-05-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, SC.No.40/DES-REG/2020, dated:15.10.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.143, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:07.05.2025.

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ORDER:

Vide G.O. second read above, orders have been issued to institute common disciplinary proceedings against the Government Servants who are jointly concerned in a disciplinary case pertaining to their commitment in certain irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District, on 24.01.2020.

2. It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Kommukuri Chinna Rao, Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau during the Surprise Check conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District, on 24.01.2020.

3. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure. II & III).

4. Sri Kommukuri Chinna Rao, Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

5. Sri Kommukuri Chinna Rao, Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

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6. Sri Kommukuri Chinna Rao, Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above further actions will be processed based on the material available.

7. Attention of Sri Kommukuri Chinna Rao, Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Kommukuri Chinna Rao, Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri Kommukuri Chinna Rao, Village Revenue Assistant, O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Kakinada District.
Sf/Sc.

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KOMMUKURI CHINNA RAO, VRA, KARAKUDURU VILLAGE, PEDAPUDI MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN S.C. NO. 02/SC-RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

Sri Kommukuri Chinna Rao, S/o Achiyya, Age 52 years, VRA of Karakuduru Village, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District (Erstwhile East Godavari District) (here-in-after referred to as Government Servant) while functioning as such during the period between 01.08.2008 to 24.01.2020 (till the date of Surprise Check) has committed grave misconduct in as much as:

ARTICLE:

That the Government Servant has demanded and accepted bribe of Rs. 1,000/- from one Smt. Devu Ganika Lakshmi for processing of her application and to issue Pattadar Passbooks.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above-mentioned acts has exhibited lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant.

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ANNEXURE – II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI KOMMUKURI CHINNA RAO, VRA, KARAKUDURU VILLAGE, PEDAPUDI MANDAL, KAKINADA DISTRICT (ERSTWHILE EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT) IN S.C. NO. 02/SC-RJY/2020 OF ACB, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM RANGE.

Sri Kommukuri Chinna Rao, S/o Achiyya, Age 52 years is a native of Karakuduru Village, Pedapudi Mandal. His date of birth is 01.04.1972. He has joined as Village Revenue Assistant on 01.08.2008 and worked at O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal from 01.08.2008 to 24.01.2020 (till the date of Surprise Check). His basic pay is Rs.10,800/- (Honorarium). He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

CHARGE:

That the Government Servant has demanded and accepted bribe of Rs.1,000/- from one Smt. Devu Ganika Lakshmi for processing of her application and to issue Pattadar Passbooks.

Facts and Evidence:

During the course of Surprise Check conducted on 24.01.2020 at the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal., the Inspector has randomly verified passbooks which were kept pending for disbursement and contacted the pass book holders through phone and enquired about the allegations of bribe against the VROs and concerned Revenue authorities to complete their works. Out of 43 pass book applicants, 20 of them verified categorically, they stated that they did not give any bribe to the VROs and concerned Revenue authorities. Then the Inspector handed over the above Pattadar passbooks to the Tahsildar and instructed the Tahsildar to hand over the Pattadar pass books to the concerned applicants without any delay.

The Surprise Check revealed that a total 43 new Pattadar passbooks were found in the Office of the Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal which were received from the printing press, Chennai through post on various dates and the same were not handed over to the concerned Pattadars. The details of the pass books were not even entered in the Pattadar passbook register (17-Register). During further enquiry the Inspector examined the 43 Pattadar pass book holders, out of which four persons are stated that they gave bribe to the Revenue Authorities for their Pattadar pass books, their details are as follows (1). Smt. Devu Ganika Lakshmi, W/o Venkata Ratnam; (2). Sri Anasuri Govinda Raju, S/o Venkata Rao; (3). Sri Gopi Ramanjaneyulu and (4). Sri Kola Surya Prakash. Their signed statements were obtained.

On examination Smt. Devu Ganika Lakshmi stated that she has been residing at Karapa Village & Mandal. Her mother and father are residing at Karakuduru (V), Pedapudi Mandal. Her mother was having 0.35 cents of agricultural land in S.No. 28/36 in Karakuduru (V). Her mother gave the said land to her at the time of marriage towards Pasupu kunkuma. Later on, Nov-2019 she has applied to Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal through Mee-Seva center to issue pattadar passbooks.

The Government Servant has demanded and accepted bribe of Rs. 300/- for collecting the original Mee-Seva applications from Mee-Seva center and hand over the same to Thasildar office, Padapudi Mandal. Later the Government Servant has demanded bribe of Rs. 2,000/- to process the pattadar passbook application. On that she requested to reduce the bribe amount as she was unable to give Rs. 2,000/-. Later the Government Servant reduced the bribe amount and accepted Rs.1,000/- from her to process the Pattadar passbook application. Later the passbook was received on 28.01.2020 from Tahsildar office, Pedapudi Mandal and etc., facts.

During the course of further enquiry, Sri A.G. Chinni Krishna, S/o (late) Veeraswamy, Age 54 years, Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada Revenue Division, East Godavari district, N/o Pennada Agraharam (V), Palakoderu Mandal, West Godavari district was examined.

On examination he stated that he has been working as Revenue Divisional Officer, Kakinada since 26.08.2019. The Tahsildar Office, Pedapudi comes under his Revenue Division. He knew that the ACB officials conducted Surprise Check on the office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi on 24.01.2020. At the time of Surprise Check Smt. K. Rajya Lakshmi is working as Tahsildar. During the Surprise Check some irregularities were identified by the ACB officials. He perused the copy of Surprise Check Proceedings of office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal which was furnished by the Inspector, ACB. On perusal of the report, he came to know that the ACB officials identified some irregularities in the Pedapudi Tahsildar office. First is that the Tahsildar has kept 43 new Pattadar Passbooks in her office without distributing the same to the Pattadars. Even she did not enter the details of the new Pattadar Pass books in the Pattadar Pass books register (17-Register). It is the responsibility of the Tahsildar to ensure proper delivery of the new Pattadar passbooks to the applicants with in stipulated time and to enter the details of the Pattadar Pass books in the 17-Register properly. The requests and Applications of the Public shall be finalized as per the stipulated time as per the citizen's charter. If those requests and applications were kept pending beyond the stipulated period, head of the office would be responsible for the evasion. Second allegation is that the ACB officials found 42 online applications kept pending beyond SLA period. It is the responsibility of the Tahsildar to dispose the online applications within SLA by conducting proper enquiry. Third allegation is that some of the VROs and VRAs have demanded and accepted the bribe amounts from the Pattadar passbook applicants. It is the responsibility of the Tahsildar to supervise her staff properly without doing illegal activities. Fourth allegation is that the mandatory registers like Attendance register; RTI 4(1)(B) Register; Assignment Committee Register; Assignment D-Patta Register; Government Lands Register; RTI Application Received Register; Form-VIII issue Register; Form-17 Register and Manual Certificate Register were not being maintained up to date by the Deputy Tahsildar. The registers like Inward Register; Outward Register; Mee-Seva Applications Register; Aksal Lease Register; Register of irrigation Sources Register; Assignment Applications Registers; House Sites Application Register; Master file layouts prepared for allotment of the house site both on Govt. Lands and acquired Lands Register; Jamabandi Register; Mutation Register; Family Membership Certificate Register; C.L. Register and Periodical Registers were not maintained in the Tahsildar Office, Pedapudi by the Deputy Tahsildar. As per the Revenue Department Manual the above registers and

some other registers have to be maintained properly in every office of Tahsildar by the Deputy Tahsildar. It is purely the responsibility of Deputy Tahsildar to maintain all registers up to date in the Tahsildar office. It is the responsibility of the Tahsildar to supervise the Deputy Tahsildar to maintain all the registers as per manual and etc., facts.

As per the Oral evidence mentioned vide Sl. Nos. 01 to 04 of Annexure-III and Documentary evidence mentioned vide Sl. Nos. 01 to 04 of Annexure-IV establishes the above acts exhibited by the Government Servant.

Hence, the Charge against the Government Servant that he has demanded and accepted bribe of Rs. 1,000/- from one Smt. Devu Ganika Lakshmi for processing of her application and to issue Pattadar Passbooks is held substantiated.

Thus, the Government Servant by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government.

Thus, the Government Servant rendered himself for taking appropriate Departmental Action.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF WITNESSES

(1). Kum. Donepudi Sony Priya, D/o Jaya Kumar, Age 37 years, Asst., Motor Vehicle Inspector, O/o RTO, Rajamahendravaram, R/o Flat No. S-3, 3rd floor, Ganesh Plaza, Bhaskarnagar, Lalacheruvu, Rajamahendravaram.

She is the 1st Mediator and she speaks about the Surprise Check Proceedings dated 24.01.2020.

(2). Sri Pasalapudi Durga Prasad, S/o Satyanarayana, Age 30 years, Senior Assistant, O/o RTO, Rajamahendravaram.

He is the 2nd Mediator and he speaks about the Surprise Check Proceedings dated 24.01.2020.

(3). Smt. Devu Ganika Lakshmi, W/o Venkata Ratnam, Age/28 years, R/o D.No.4-94, Meraka Veddhi, Karap (V) & (M), East Godavari district.

On examination she stated that she has been residing at Karapa Village & Mandal. Her mother and father are residing at Karakuduru (V), Pedapudi Mandal. Her mother was having 0.35 cents of agricultural land in S.No. 28/36 in Karakuduru (V). Her mother gave the said land to her at the time of marriage towards Pasupu kunkuma. Later on, Nov-2019 she has applied to Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal through Mee-Seva center to issue pattadar passbooks. The Government Servant has demanded and accepted bribe of Rs. 300/- for collecting the original Mee-Seva applications from Mee-Seva center and hand over the same to Thasildar office, Padapudi Mandal. Later the Government Servant has demanded bribe of Rs. 2,000/- to process the pattadar passbook application. On that she requested to reduce the bribe amount as she was unable to give Rs. 2,000/-. Later the Government Servant reduced the bribe amount and accepted Rs.1,000/- from her to process the Pattadar passbook application. Later the passbook was received on 28.01.2020 from Tahsildar office, Pedapudi Mandal and etc., facts.

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(5). Sri P.V. Ravi Kumar, Addl. S.P., Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram.

He speaks about the Surprise Check conducted at the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi on 24.01.2020 under his supervision and etc., facts.

(6). Sri V. Pulla Rao, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram.

He speaks about the Surprise Check conducted at the O/o Tahsildar, Pedapudi on 24.01.2020 under the supervision of Addl. S.P., ACB, Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram and etc., facts.

(7). Sri T. Naresh, SI of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram.

He speaks about his participation in the Surprise Check and assisting the Addl. S.P, ACB, Rajamahendravaram Range at the time of Surprise Check and etc., facts.

(8). Sri N.V. Bhaskara Rao, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Rajamahendravaram Range, Rajamahendravaram.

To speak about the facts of preparing and submitting Draft Article of Charges against the Government Servants–01 to 06 to the Head Office, ACB, A.P., Vijayawada and etc., facts.

(9). Any other witnesses whose evidence is relevant during the inquiry.

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ANNEXURE –IV

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

(1). **Surprise Check proceedings dated. 24.01.2020 drafted in the office of Tahsildar, Pedapudi Mandal, East Godavari district.**

It provides the details of events happened on the day of Surprise Check including seizure of registers, non-maintenance of records, examination of witnesses and other deviations etc.

(2). Statement of Smt. Devu Ganika Lakshmi, W/o Venkata Ratnam, Age/28 years, R/o D.No.4-94, Meraka Veddhi, Karap (V) & (M), East Godavari district.

(3). G.O. Ms. No. 1849 of Revenue (Ser-III) Department dated 28.10.2005 of Government of Andhra Pradesh regarding Job Chart of VRAs.

(4). Letter Ref: B/28/2020, Dt. 24.02.2023 O/o the Tahsildar, Pedapudi (M), East Godavari district.

(5). Any other records which are required during the course of investigation will be obtained.

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